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Janet Henney, M.D.  
Commissioner, FDA  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Henney,

I'd like to tell you about my experience with olestra/Olean. It was several months ago that I tried some chips containing this vile substance, whatever it is. My boss advised me not to eat them, because of the warning on the bag. Since he is very sensitive to things and I consider myself to be rather tough, I did not listen. I rarely have reactions to prescription drugs, let alone food! I consumed a small serving of fat-free, olestra-laden chips.

Less than half an hour later, I was doubled over with some of the worst cramps I've ever had (similar to food poisoning). I went home from work and spent the rest of the day in and out of the bathroom. I won't go into the nasty details...I'm sure you've heard what happens. It was repulsive.

I've received word that the warning on the package may be made smaller or possibly even removed. First of all, I can't believe a product like this is still on the shelves. If you are going to continue to permit the sale of foods containing this substance, I urge you to make that warning front and center on the package, and much bigger. I would never have noticed it had my boss not said anything. People should be aware of the risk they're taking when they consume this FDA approved product.

Thank you for your time,

  
Ingrid Henningsen

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